

REMARKS

In order to facilitate the acceptance of the application, the claims have been amended so as to conform them to what the Examiner indicated would be allowable. New claims have been added, but these claims also include only those features indicated to be allowable.

Thus, in the Official Action of October 21, 2005 the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11–13 and 15 on prior art, and indicated that dependent Claims 3–7, 10 and 14 contained allowable subject matter. All the claims now pending include one more features of those indicated as being allowable in that Official Action.

Thus, amended Claim 1 includes the subject matter of original Claims 1 and 3, and thereby in effect rewrites Claim 3 in independent form. Such a claim was indicated as allowable.

Claim 2 remains dependent on Claim 1, and therefore is also believed allowable with that claim.

Claim 3 has been cancelled, since its subject matter is included in amended Claim 1.

Claim 10 depends from Claim 1 and is therefore in allowable condition as well.

Claim 4 includes the combination of original Claims 1 and 4, thereby in effect rewriting Claim 4 in independent form. Such a claim was also indicated as allowable.

Claims 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 depend from Claim 4, and are therefore believed to be allowable.

Claim 11 has been cancelled since its subject matter has been included in Claim 12.

Amended Claim 12 is a redraft of original Claim 12 to require the plate of amended Claim 1, which includes the features of original Claim 3 indicated as allowable. It is believed, therefore, that Claim 12 is also now clearly allowable.

Claims 13–15 all depend from Claim 12, and are therefore believed to be allowable with that claim apart from the further features set forth.

New Claim 16 corresponds to original Claim 12, but requires the plate of amended Claim 4, i.e., to include the features of original Claim 4, which features were

also indicated as being allowable. It is believed, therefore, that Claim 16 is also now allowable.

New Claims 17-19 all depend from Claim 16, and are therefore believed allowable with that claim.

Finally, new Claim 20 is a redraft of original Claim 14 in independent form, i.e., to include the combination of features of previous Claims 11, 12 and 14, which the Examiner also indicated was allowable.

Since the application is now restricted only to claims containing subject matter which the Examiner indicated was allowable, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Since the application is under Final, an early action is particularly solicited.

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